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SUBJECT: UNGA DISARMAMENT: SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE
ZONE

REF: STATE 257162

1. MARTIN (US) MET WITH TEMPLETON (NEW ZEALAND) NOV 3
TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. HE INFORMED TEMPLETON
THAT US WOULD ABSTAIN ON RES AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED BUT
COULD ACCEPT RES THAT DID NOT IMPLY COMMITMENT TO
SUPPORT SPNWFZ, CITING EXAMPLE OF ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE IN
REFTEL. TEMPLETON NOTED THAT NEW ZEALAND CONSIDERED
RESOLUTION EXTREMELY MODEST AND WAS RELUCTANT TO
"WATER IT DOWN," TO WHICH OTHER COSPONSORS WOULD ALSO
HAVE TO AGREE; HOWEVER, HE DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY
OF AMENDMENT. HE SAID THAT NEW ZEALAND FIRST COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OCT 31 HAD BEEN EFFORT TO MEET CONCERNS OF
U.S. AND OTHERS ON QUESTION OF EXTENDING ZONE TO HIGH SEAS
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AND GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE OF ZONE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPNWFZ WOULD BE VERY LONG PROCESS
CARRIED OUT ONLY WITH FULL COOPERATION OF INTERESTED
STATES. MARTIN NOTED THAT ANY RESTRICTION ON FREEDOM
OF NAVIGATION ON HIGH SEAS WOULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS
FOR U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS.

2. TEMPLETON ASKED IF U.S. WOULD INSIST ON VOTE IF RES
COULD OTHERWISE BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. MARTIN
EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT CONSENSUS ADOPTION WOULD BE POSSIBLE.
HE RECALLED THAT U.S. HAD AGREED TO CONSENSUS ADOPTION
IN PLENARY OF AFRICAN NWFZ RES LAST YEAR, BUT SAID
THAT IN CASE OF SPNWFZ RES SUCH A STEP WOULD BE
CONSIDERABLY MORE DIFFICULT. TEMPLETON EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION AT RECEIVING U.S. VIEWS AND ASKED TO KEEP
IN CONTACT ON RES.
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